



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



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### Notice of Public Hearing Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate Middle Santa Ana River Waterbodies Bacterial Indicator Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will convene a public hearing to consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on August 26, 2005 at the following time and location:

**DATE:** August 26, 2005  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Big Bear Municipal Water District  
40524 Lakeview Dr.  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

#### Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board has identified several waterbodies in the Middle Santa Ana River watershed as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. Waterbodies included on the 303(d) list of impaired waters include the Santa Ana River-Reach 3, Chino Creek-Reaches 1 and 2, Mill Creek (Prado Area), Cucamonga Creek-Reach 1 and Prado Park Lake. Impairment of these waterbodies is due to elevated levels of bacterial indicators. To address the impairment, the Regional Board has developed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for bacterial indicators that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. The draft Middle Santa Ana River Waterbodies Bacterial Indicator TMDLs were presented and discussed at Regional Board workshops on February 3, 2005 and June 24, 2005. Based on written and oral comments received, the proposed Middle Santa Ana River Waterbodies Bacterial Indicator TMDLs have been revised.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report with responses to comments received, and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment, will be available no later than July 11, 2005. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after July 11, 2005. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Bill Rice at the address listed above or by e-mail at [brice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:brice@waterboards.ca.gov). Written responses to comments received by August 11, 2005 will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Bill Rice at (951)782-4459. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than August 17, 2005.

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